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In his conversations with Castro yesterday and today

U Thant was unable to persuade Castro to permit any form of verification by the UN or under its auspices of the removal of offensive military weapons by the USSR from Cuba. This is despite the fact that the USSR has made clear its willingness to have such verification take place.

soonest approach

You are requested to ~~explore with~~ your Foreign Minister ~~whether~~ this government would wish to indicate to Cuban Government that if this defiance continues it will

be impossible to continue diplomatic relations with Cuba or at very least most strongly protest Cuban intransigence. You should point out that practically the whole world has

welcomed the arrangement agreed upon in principle between President Kennedy and Premier Khrushchev to surmount the threat of nuclear war which the presence of Soviet ~~offensive~~ offensive nuclear weapons in Cuba presented. For Castro to flout

~~the~~ the desire to settle this problem and the UN efforts to do so would seem to make it most difficult to maintain normal relations with his regime. Should be presented factually and not as US pressure.

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FYI Similar messages are being sent to ~~all~~^{most} nonbloc countries maintaining diplomatic relations with Cuba. END FYI

For Bern: Above should be passed Swiss Roneff for info and any steps Swiss Government feels it can usefully take.

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